

MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING

MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2016

PRESENT: Will Bigl (2018), Laurie McMorrow (2017), Bev Korba (2018). Martina Wharton (2018), Bettejane Karnes (2018), John Riesen (2018), Nancy Trawick Smith (2017), Don Nolan (2017)

ABSENT: Pat Schneider (Human Service Director), Sarah Taylor (Senior Center Supervisor)

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Judy Bigl (Jensen's), John Adamcik (Wright's Way), David Palmer (Juniper Hill)

GUESTS: Rosemary Beecher—Jackie Peoples

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. April 11, 2016 minutes were reviewed & accepted.

A trip to Duxbury Ma. Is planned for May 23rd to evaluate their senior facility. Anyone wishing to sign up should call Pat Schneider.

CARA WEBB (PROGRAM COORDINATOR) REPORT:

- Trips using senior van have begun. They will be scheduled twice a month.
- Brain Health class with Joanne Harrison Becker M.D. was well attended.
- A wellness check-up program to review senior's eligibility for financial assistance with Betty Diajournia is planned.
- Open House & art show at the senior center is planned for May 26, 2016.
- AARP driving course is planned.
- Intergenerational series is planned for evenings.
- The center received their kitchen license.

JUDY BIGL'S REPORT: Jensen's newsletter was distributed

DAVID PALMER'S REPORT:

- Juniper Hill residents received new washers & driers.
- There have been some staffing changes.
- Sparks is now being distributed among residents.
- David raised concerns regarding a change in bus stop at Price Chopper that makes it more difficult for the riders that have a problem with stairs. He questioned why the bus stop that was originally designed to accommodate those using downtown stores is not being used.
- David suggested that a voter drive be conducted during the upcoming open house & art show at the senior center.

NEW BUSINESS: **Martina Wharton** has volunteered to write a review of the Commission on Aging. The purpose of this report is to inform the general public of the goals & importance of the committee.

Will reported on the last council meeting. Elizabeth Grant (Dial-a-Ride) gave a presentation regarding improvements in services especially the changes in medical appointment services. Present charges are:
\$8.00 round trip for regular riders.

\$2.50 for disabled

No charge for anyone over 60.

The service is available within a 10 town area.

Next meeting will be held on June 13, 2016 @ 9:30 am in the Senior Center Craft Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bev Korba, Secretary